

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 20 of the specification as originally filed to read as follows:

Finally, the apparatus and method of the present invention may also be used for any laser system, and in particular for Dynamic Noise-power-ratio (NPR) Boost (DNB) or enhancement system ~~as disclosed in related US patent application no. (later), filed July 1, 2001, and incorporated herein by reference.~~